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PREFACE.

The Author, (who is a Highland Eard,) having considered that the late Most Noble Marquis of Breadalbane, on whom so many honourable titles had so deservingly been conferred, ought to be borne fresh in the minds of all who would properly appreciate the worth of a true-minded Nobleman, has composed and published the following Elegy, which he hopes the public will not undervalue.

J. M'D.



AN ELEGY

ON THE LATE

MOST NOBLE MARQUIS OF BREADALBANE,

Who departed this life at Lausanne in Switzerland, in November 1862.

AIR .- "Gow's Lament for Abercairney."

Now gloomy winter has began,
With news of grief and pain,
Which ought to teach us how to live,
And wisdom still retain;
It shows how little death does care
For honours great, or heaith,
Our thread of life it cuts away,
Without regard to wealth.

The Marquis of Breadalbane gain'd Much fame and great renown, More than his fathers under kings Had won from Britain's crown: That he deserv'd laud and praise, Our nation has confess'd, But yet withal, that noble Lord, Has now been called to rest.

That nobleman, sometime ago,
Had felt his health's decay,
And then he went with friends' consent,
And left his place on Tay,
With all the honours due to Lords,—
Which might and fortune gain,—
To Switzerland for some relief,
But it was all in vain.

Tho' all physicians the best
That now in Lausanne live,
Were in attendance nights and days.
Endeavouring to give
Relief and comfort to his health,
Their efforts were in vain,
And prov'd at last of no effect,
Till death relieved his pain.

His relatives he did support,
As oft as they had need,
The news of his decease of late,
Has left us sad indeed,
A cloud has overspread our land,
Which bars our sunbeams' rays,
His countrymen to him were dear,
He lov'd to hear their praise.

In all affairs of Church and State,
He took an active part,
All wrongful grants he did oppose,
And lawful claims regard,
Such as his fathers did of old,
Our kingdom's nobles' choice,
As members of our parliament,
By arguments and voice.

When first our Queen and loyal friends
To Scotland came to stay,
He nobly entertained and kept
The royal guests most gay;
In Taymouth Castle he had spent
Much wealth, by all he paid;
That year the rents of his estates
He welcomely outlaid.

His royal titles were not few,
But many to relate,
And scarcely more could be bestowed
By government or state.
His Lordship, who is now no more,
Was born in Dundee,
The second Marquis of Breadalbane,
And Earl Ormelic.

Was Baron of Breadalbane; yea, Of Taymouth Castle's bounds; He was fifth Earl of Breadalbane, And of Holland's grounds; And Viscount Campbell of the Tay, And Pentland's vales and groves; And of Glenorchy's hills and dales, And Taymouth round Kenmore;

Was also Baron Benderloch,
And Ormelie complete;
A Baronet of Nova Scotia's
Lands, and shores, and fleet;
A knight of the Black Eagle,
Of Prussia's large domain;
The greatest in our kingdom,
Did by his wisdom gain.

He held the Lord Lieutenantcy
Of county of Argyle,
The Scottish Antiquarians,
Of royalty and style,
He nobly back'd and countenanc'd,
Did over them preside;
Of Glasgow University,
Was Rector for sometime.

The Household's great Lord Chamberlain
He was for many years;
The rank of Privy Councillor
He held with worthy Peers;
The order of the Thistle then
The Queen on him conferr'd,
And while he lived, her grants to him
Could never be transferr'd.

He raised some corps of Volunteers
Which he did freely pay,
And left a thousand pounds with these
To cheer them in their day;
His mind was bent on strong defence,
With influential sway,
Which proves a terror to our foes,
And holds them in dismay.

He was a lover of the deer,
And rear'd them on his lands,
Where thousand scores of them are grown,
In hills, and groves, and lawns.
And in the glens where often he
With royal neighbours stalk'd,
And where Prince Albert and his hosts
Had sport and often walk'd.

His office-bearers great and small, Had always been content, And his departure from this vale

They wailfully lament.

He left the poor three thousand pounds, A powerful increase,

And Scotland's braves will sing his praise, Till night and day shall cease.

When faithful Colonel Edington,
His Secretary true,
Receiv'd the letter which contain'd
The sore and painful news,
That hopes were faint about his health,
He left when train was due,
And saw the Marquis just in time,
To bid him kind adien.

There were assembled round his bed Most reverend divines,
With Gospel offers from the Lord
To Adam's fallen line;
In which his Lordship acquiese'd,
With faith and grateful mind,
And bow'd his head, and fell asleep
In peace with all mankind.

To Taymouth Castle was convey'd
His frame, which once was strong,
Which was more precious than gold
To those he did belong.
A scene of sorrow then ensu'd,
While courts and rooms were throng
By relatives with weeping eyes,
And sighs which lasted long.

His noble friends and tenantry,
With hosts of Volunteers,
Had met by invitation kind,
With sobs, and sighs, and tears,
For to inter the dear remains
Of their beloved knight,
The guide who often pled their cause
With earnestness and might.

The most respected clergymen Of great Breadalbane's Free, Did congregate on that affair, With fervency and zeal; And after benediction, all Were entertain'd that day, And by permission left the grand And ancient Tow'r on Tay.

The funeral procession then
With grandeur wound its way
Along the fertile noble banks
That bind and mark Loch Tay.
Two mutes on horseback led the van,
And pipers then did play,
Till they arriv'd at Finlarig,
Killin, where it should lay.

The Marquis' family burial vault
Had neither faults nor stains;
Therein they carefully laid low
That nobleman's remains,
In hopes, when generations pass,
From thence when he shall raise,
That he'll be found among the blest,
To sing the Saviour's praise.

DO FHEACHD* SAOR-THOILEACH MHOR-FHEAR BHRADEALBANN,

Aig Comh-chruinneachadh coitchionn Fheachdan Saor-thoileach na h-Alba, ann an Duneideann, 'sa bhliadhna 1860.

AIR FONN .- "Carraig-Fhearghais."

Tha bhliadhna so ainmeil An Albainn 's an Sasunn, Le lionmhoireachd ghaisgeach, 'S le taitneachd nan sonn Le'n thogadh an armachd, Nach cearbach gu spealtadh— Fir ùr nach do chleachd A bhi gealtach air fonn: Laoich Shaor-thoileach, dhuineil 'Chuir aoibhneas air Lunnainn. Le àilleachd an cuma O 'mullach gu'm bonn, 'S air faiche Dhuneideann Gum b'eibhinn ri'm faicinn Na treun-fhir 'bu dreachmhoire, Neartmhoire comb.

B'e aobhar na cùise Mu'n thionndadh a mach leibh, A dùthaich na machrach, 'So thaice nam beann,

^{*} Volunteers.

'Bhi cluinntinn luchd-mùisig
'Toirt cunntais nach taitneach—
Mu ùrachadh bhaiteal,
Le gaisgich na Fraing;
'S gur 'fiosrach sinn uile
Gun doirteadh iad fuil oirn,
Nan saoileadh a bhuidheann ud
Buidhinn 'sa chàmp;
Tha 'n t-Impire fulangach,
Mìrunach, fuileachdach,
S fearr dhuinn 'bhi ullamh
Mu'n imich e' nall.

Gach Diuchd a's fear-fearainn Bha dùrachd n'an earail, Ri fiuranan dealasach. Ceanalta suairc Gu'n èireadh iad uile 'Chomh-cheumachd le druma. 'Sa dh'fhoghlum mar 'chumadh Iad cuideachda sluaigh, Mar 'bhuaileadh iad buillean. 'S mar chuimsichte duine, 'N am tarruing a ghunna, S ga cumail a suas, 'S ged 'thigeadh thair' sàile Gach namhaid 'sa chruinne, Gun coisneadh sibh urram, S gun d'thugt' orra buaidh.

Bha Bhan-Righ'n glè dheonach Gum faiceadh i còmhla— Cinn-Fheadhna nan còmhlan, A's dòmhlachd an t'sluaigh, 'S chaidh litrichean trà, Gu Cinn-Fhineachan Ghaidheal, Le òrdugh Dhiuchd "Chambridge" Do chearnaibh mu thuath: Iad uile gu leir A bhi 'm Baile Dhuneideann, Le'n Ceathairnean ceutach, Cho treubhach 's bu dual, 'S air maduinn Dimàirt, Mar a shònruich a Bhan-Righ'n, Bha is' ann a's iadsan, 'Nuair 'thainig an uair.

Feached Mhor-fhear Bhradealbann Gun aithnicht' iad air astar Fir ghiulan nam breacan, 'S nan glas-lannan cruaidh, Bu chliu iad do dh-Albainn. Le dealbhachd am pearsaibh, Lan faoghluim, as ceartais, A's beartais a's stuaim : Na fiurannan glana, D'an dùchas na gleannaibh, 'Sa chumadh a challuinn Le caithream gun ghruaim, 'S nach diultadh a charraid, 'Thoirt cuis dheth na Gallaibh. Gan gearradh mar raineach, 'Sa leanadh an ruaig.

Bu taitneach an sealladh Fir ghast' Aber-pheallaidh, Le'n ceannardan fearail A tarruing a suas, Lan gaisge gun tioma,
'S nach tionndadh le gioraig,
Gu fòghluinte sgileil,
'S cha tilleadh iad uair,
Na seoid 's am bheil spiorad
'S iad cinneadail, càirdeil,
'S fu' èideadh a Ghaidheil,
Gum b'àluinn an tuar,
Gu cothromach, cumachdail,
Urranda, dìleas,
'S gur teare iad 's an Riòghachd
Cho fìor-mhaiseach snuadh.

Bha daoin' ann o'n Cheannamhoir, 'S gum b'earbsach sinn asda, Nan iarrt' iad am baiteal 'Thoirt aichmheil de' shluagh, No 'bhuidhinn geall-rèise, 'Sa leum air an fhaiche, Le'm fèilltean de'n bhreacan, Am pleatadh an cuaich: Làn spèirid a's gaisge, Gu genr-bhuilleach, sgairteil, Gum b'èibhinn ri 'm faicinn Am prasgan gun ghruaim ; 'S le dealbhachd an cuma, Thug moran doibh urram, 'S gum b'airidh gach curaidh, Air tuilleadh 's a fhuair.

Bha gìomanaich ghleusta, Chillinn a's Loch-Eire ann Na gaisgich nach gèilleadh, 'S bhiodh treun a chuir ruaig, Fu'n èideadh, 's fu'n armachd, Gu calmarra, ceutach, 'S nan iarrte gu feum iad, Bhiodh euchd leo a's buaidh, 'S bu mhaith ann 'sa mhunadh, 'Thoirt fuil air na fèidh iad, Le'n gunnachan gleusta, Brisg, eutrom air chuairt, Na laoich a tha sgairteil, Bu ghast ann 'san streup iad Gu fulangach, treun-bhuilleach, Geur-bheachdail, cruaidh.

Gum b-àluinn an sealladh. Bh' air blàr Tigh-an-Droma, Na fiurain tha foghainteach, Somalta, suairc', Gu cumachdail, eireachdail, Freagarach, riòmhach, 'S a chleachd a bhi dìleas, D'an Rioghachd 's gach uair: 'S bha laoich ann a Srathaibh, 'Thug barrachd air mìltean, 'N am tarruing lann dhì-millteach, Lìobht' a's an truaill, 'S le 'n gunnachan sàr-mhaith, Bhiodh làn-daimh nan sìneadh, An àirde na frìthe: 'San dìomhaireachd bhruach.

O Urchaidh nam bradan, Bu shunndach an sealladh, 'Bhi faicinn nan gallan, A tarruing a suas; Le'n ceannardan fearail,
Gu ceannsalach, smearail,
'Toirt òrdugh gun mhearachd,
Le earailean suairc',
Le'm pìobaire cliuteach,
Gu grinn a toirt ciuil doibh;
Puirt-mhearsaidh 'bu shiubhlaiche,
Lùthmhoire fuaim,
O chruit nam bann-ìbhri,
'Si' srannraich le sìoda,
'Toirt misnich' bhi dileas,
'S nach strìochdadh iad uair.

Gum b'àillidh ra'm faicinn Na h-àrmuinn a Eisteal— Na fleasgaich d'an teisteas 'Bhi seirceil, gun ghruaim, 'S gur 'deacair an leithdean Ra'm faotainn am Breatann. Le gaisge gun gheilte, Lan faicill a's stuaim ; 'S bha Bhan-Rìgh'n a faraid. Deth Dhiuchdaibh a Fearainn Cia'n duthaich, no'm baile, No'n talla on ghluais, Na h-oigeirean foinneamh Bha sònruichte loinneil. Gun fhàilinn, gun choire, Gun ghainne, gun chruas.

Bha lasgairean ceutach, Ghleann-Eite 's Loch-Taildhe ann, Gu furanach, sgeinmeil, Deas, meamnach, gun uaill, 'S iad luthmhor, neo-chearbach, A shiubhal nan garbh-chrìoch, Gu cumachdail, dealbhach, Clis, anmadail, luath—
Na cùirteirean ainmeil—
Feadh munaidh, 's aig fairge, A ghlacadh nan geala-bhreachd, 'Sa shealg nan damh-ruadh, 'S nan cuirte n'an tairgse—
Geall-streupa no barra-ghleois, Gur 'tearc ann an Albainn Cho calma, 's cho cruaidh.

Bu chliu do'n Roinn-Eorpa 'Nuair 'chruinnich iad còmhla Suinn uasal an Obain Fir òirdheirc nam buadh. Làn suairceis, a's fòghluim, 'S iad barraicht' air bòichead, 'Nuair chaidh iad an òrdugh, Fu'n Còirneal dhol 'suas; An Leathaineach cliuteach, De'n phreas nach dean lùbadh, O Airdghobhar 's b'e 'dhùchas 'Bhi stiuradh an t-sluagh, An Latharna bhoidheach, Nam buailtean, 's an neoinein, Nam fleasgach, 's nan òighean, 'S neul ròs air an gruaidh.

Bha 'm Moraire féin ann Le'n èireadh na gaisgich, Sàr-cheannard an Fheachda 'Bu taitniche snuadh; 'S bha uaislean Dhunèideann A gèilleadh da 'reachdan, 'Nuair 'thogadh a bhratach Air faiche 'measg sluaigh; Fichead mìle chaidh àireamh, 'Am Pàirce-na-Ban-Righ'n, De' dh-Albannaich stàtail 'Nuair 'thàirneadh iad 'suas, 'Chuir geilt air gach namhaid, 'S le Breatann buaidh-làrach, 'S tha cliu aig na Gaidheil, Thair' chàich' mar 'bu dual.

Gun crìochnaich mi m'òran. Le durachd 'san dòchas Nach fàilnich 'ur stòras, 'S 'ur còir a bhi buan Air Albainn nam mor-bheann,— Bu mheasail 'ur seors' ann, 'Rinn strì le Righ Deors'. Air Tir-mòr, a's air chuan, 'S gun bhuannaichd sibh còmhla Air Frangaich, 's air Ròimhich, 'S gach namhaid a thòisich, Gun d'fhògradh iad uainn. 'S ged dh'fhuiling sibh mòran, 'S leibh urram na h-Eorpa, 'Thaobh gaisg' agus fòghluim, A's eolais, a's stuaim.

DO CHOMH-CHRUINNEACHADH IASG-AIREAN STEORNABHA, ANN SA BHLIADHNA 1863.

AIR-FONN.—" Air faill ill eil ho ro ho-gu, Hi iurabh o nam b'aill leibh e, Air faill ill eil ho ro ho-gu."

Fearaibh Steornabha na laoich, Is aoigheile th' air Ghaidhealtachd. Air fàill ill èil', &c.

'N am dhuibh tional chum an iasgaich, 'S ciatach sibh le'r bàrcannan. Air fàill ill èil', &c.

Tha gach iurach làidir grinn,
'S gum buidhnear gill air sàile leo.

Air fàill ill èil', &c.

'S ro mhaith cungaidhean gach tè dhiubh, 'S iad nach gèill, 's nach fàillinnich. Air fàill ill èil', &c.

Darach, agus giubhas Lochlann, 'S copar teann g'an tàirneachadh. Air fàill ill èil', &c.

Bith'dh gach crann, 's gach ball air dòigh, Gu daingean, òrdail, tabhachdach. Air fàill ill eil'. &c. 'Nuair a thogar leibh an siuil, 'S iad miann gach sùl le 'n àilleachd iad. Air fàill ill èil', &c.

Ruigear leibh an t-ionad iasgaich, 'S bith'dh sibh lionmhor, làidir ann. Air fàill ill èil', &c.

Gillean sgairteil, tachdrach, iasgar, Lionach, bollach, arcannach. Air fàill ill èil', &c.

Cuirear lìn leibh air uchd cuain, Cho luath-lamhach 's a thàras sibh. Air fàill ill èil', &c.

'N am an togail dhuibh a rìs, Gum liònar leibh na bàtaichean. Air faill ill èil', &c.

Le sgadan fìor-ghlan, torrach lìontaidh, 'S bòiche fiamh, a's dearsadh dheth. Air faill ill èil', &c.

'S liònmhor ceannaich' air a thòir, A's òr aca ga phàigheadh dhuibh. Air faill ill èil', &c.

'S iomadh calla deas, a's tuath, On 'ghluais sibh tùs an Ràidhe so. Air faill ill èil', &c.

Fir na Hearradh as Loch-Sealg Gur h-anabarach na h-armuinn iad. Air fàill ill èil', &c Fir Loch-Sluiseart, 's Bad-a-Ghaill, Gur' cridheil, caoimhneil, càirdeil iad. Air fàill ill èil', &c.

Fir nan Gleann-dùbh, 's Loch-an-Ionmhair, 'S diongmhalta na Gàidheil iad. Air fàill ill èil', &c.

Fir Loch-bhraoin, Loch-iu, a's Ghearr-Loch, 'S mùirneach, ceutach, stàtail iad. Air fàill ill èil', &c.

Thig a Sìlteig, 's o Loch-Carann, Daoine smearail, sàr-mhaiseach. Air fàill ill èil', &c.

Fir Loch-Long, 's dà thaobh Loch-Duaich, Air a mhuir 's neo-sgathach iad. Air fàill ill èil', &c.

Fir Loch-Uthairne 's Loch-Nibheis, 'S ro-mhaith 'n sgil air bàtaichean. Air fàill ill èil', &c.

Bith'dh Clann-Ianruig Ardnamurachan, Iomlan ri uchd gàbhaidh ann. Air fàill ill èil', &c.

Bith'dh iad o'n Tràigh-bhàin an Sanna ann, Le fir smearail Arisaig.

Air fàill ill èil', &c.

Fir-Loch-Suaineart, as Loch-Leamhain, 'S ceaithairnich Loch-àluinn ann. Air fàill ill èil', &c.



Thig fir sgairteil Eilein-Diarmain. Le'n cuid lìon a's bhàtaichean.

Air fàill ill èil', &c.

Thig on Chaisteal-mhaol Mac-Cuinn, 'S gun èireadh suinn chaol-Arcainn leis. Air fàill ill èil', &c.

Fir Ath-leathainn, a's Loch-Aoineart, 'S maith mu ruinn na Càbaig iad. Air fàill ill èil', &c.

Fir Loch-sligeachain, 's Phort-Rìgh, 'S bith'dh fir Loch-Snìsard làmh riu. Air fàill ill èil'. &c.

Bith'dh fir Rasaidh, 's Chaol-Ròna, Dìleas còir mar 'b'àbhaist doibh. Air fàill ill èil', &c

Fir Loch-Eisart, a's Loch-Slaopain. 'S cridheil, aoigheil, bàigheil iad. Air faill ill èil'. &c.

Thig fir Ghrianaig, 's Bhaile-Bhòid, Le'n cabhlach mòr cho àsainneach. Air faill ill èil', &c.

Thig iad a Ceann-Tìre 's Arainn, 'S Manainnich gun fhàilinn ann. Air fàill ill èil', &c.

Fir Loch-Gilp, 's dà thaobh Loch-Fine, 'S rìoghail, dìleas, làidir iad. Air fàill ill èil', &c. 'N Steornabha 'n tigh-òsd* na reult Ni sibh ra cheile gàirdeachas. Air fàill ill èil', &c.

Gheibhear searrag ann 's gach dorn leibh Cridheil, ceolmhor, mànranach. Air fàill ill èil', &c.

'N am dhuibh pilleadh do Phort-Rìgh, Gun gabh na mìltean bàigh ribh ann. Air fàill ill èil', &c.

'S liònmhor niònag thig 'n 'ur còdhail, 'S iad le pòig g'ur fàilteachadh. Air fàill ill èil', &c.

'Se mo dhùrachd sìbh bhi fallain, 'S pilleadh dhachaidh sàbhailte. Air fàill ill èil', &c.

* Star Inn.

































